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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 24-29:

Sub 5 24. A composition comprising

duck HBcAg; and,

a hapten, said hapten being associated with said duck HBcAg.

25. The composition of claim 24 wherein said duck HBcAg is assembled into a particle.

26. The composition of claim 24 wherein said hapten is a carbohydrate.

27. The composition of claim 24 wherein said hapten is proteinaceous.